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25 April 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : OXCART Briefing

1. On 22 April the DD/P, with Messrs. Kiefer and Parangosky in attendance, briefed the following USAF personnel on the current status of OXCART: Hon. Courtland Perkins, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Major Generals M. A. Preston and H. M. Estes, Colonel Leo Geary and Major Clifton E. James.

2. During the discussion that ensued, the question of a back-up camera was raised. Major James stated that the USAF would consider funding a back-up camera, such as the relatively inexpensive Mycon proposal, if such action is warranted. The DD/P indicated that the [redacted] proposal to modify 25X1 B configurations probably will be pursued as a relatively inexpensive means of providing a stop-gap, not a back-up, camera for OXCART as insurance in the event that P-E should run into difficulties. The DD/P said that a review of the Perkin-Elmer camera situation would take place on 29 April in Boston with special consultants, Messrs. Land, Baker and Purcell, in attendance. The DD/P stated that his views concerning a back-up camera course of action probably will be crystallized following this meeting.

3. A draft paper pertaining to OXCART cover stories was reviewed briefly. It was the general consensus that the paper was a good point of departure for developing requisite cover stories for OXCART.

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